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SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota's September 1 forecast for **corn** production, at 452.4 million bushels, is down 3 percent from last month and 16 percent below last year's level. Yield is forecast at 116 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from the August forecast and 14 bushels below last year. Acres to be harvested for grain are forecast at 3.90 million, down 6 percent from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 132.0 million bushels, unchanged from last month but 6 percent below last year. Yield, at 33 bushels per acre, remains unchanged from the previous

month's forecast but is 1 bushel below last year. Acres for harvest are forecast at 4.0 million, down 3 percent from last year.

Sorghum production is forecast at 6.24 million bushels, unchanged from last month's forecast but 1 percent below last year's level. Yield, at 52 bushels per acre, is unchanged from last month but is 10 bushels above last year. Grain sorghum harvested acres, forecast at 120,000, are down 20 percent from last year.

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CROP SUMMARY, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, SEPTEMBER 1, 2005

Crop	Acres Planted		Acres for Harvest		Unit of Pro- duction	Yield/Harvested Acre		Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005		2004	2005	2004	2005
	- - - - Thousand Acres - - - -							- - Thousand - -	
SOUTH DAKOTA									
Wheat, All	3,270	3,318	2,798	3,167	Bu.	46.0	NA	128,610	NA
Winter	1,650	1,500	1,250	1,400	Bu.	45.0	46.0	56,250	64,400
Durum	20	18	18	17	Bu.	25.0	NA	450	NA
Other Spring	1,600	1,800	1,530	1,750	Bu.	47.0	43.0	71,910	75,250
Corn, All	4,650	4,400	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Corn, Grain	--	--	4,150	3,900	Bu.	130.0	116.0	539,500	452,400
Barley	70	70	50	50	Bu.	63.0	56.0	3,150	2,800
Oats	380	370	170	180	Bu.	82.0	80.0	13,940	14,400
Soybeans	4,150	4,050	4,120	4,000	Bu.	34.0	33.0	140,080	132,000
Sorghum, All	250	200	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sorghum, Grain	--	--	150	120	Bu.	42.0	52.0	6,300	6,240
Hay, All	--	--	3,900	3,950	Ton	1.76	1.80	6,870	7,105
Alfalfa	--	--	2,250	2,250	Ton	2.10	2.10	4,725	4,725
Other	--	--	1,650	1,700	Ton	1.30	1.40	2,145	2,380
UNITED STATES									
Wheat, All	59,674	58,080	49,999	50,361	Bu.	43.2	43.0	2,158,245	2,167,178
Winter	43,350	41,408	34,462	34,271	Bu.	43.5	44.4	1,499,434	1,520,848
Durum	2,561	2,573	2,363	2,453	Bu.	38.0	37.9	89,893	92,955
Other Spring	13,763	14,099	13,174	13,637	Bu.	43.2	40.6	568,918	553,375
Corn, All	80,930	81,592	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Corn, Grain	--	--	73,632	74,318	Bu.	160.4	143.2	11,807,217	10,638,661
Barley	4,527	3,970	4,021	3,471	Bu.	69.4	68.2	279,253	236,729
Oats	4,085	4,342	1,792	1,976	Bu.	64.7	64.7	115,935	127,819
Soybeans	75,208	73,103	73,958	72,184	Bu.	42.5	39.6	3,140,996	2,856,449
Sorghum, All	7,486	7,013	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sorghum, Grain	--	--	6,517	6,030	Bu.	69.8	66.0	454,899	397,721
Hay, All	--	--	61,916	61,723	Ton	2.55	2.43	157,774	149,917
Alfalfa	--	--	21,707	22,118	Ton	3.47	3.34	75,383	73,849
Other	--	--	40,209	39,605	Ton	2.05	1.92	82,391	76,068

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SEPTEMBER CROP REPORT (Cont.)

UNITED STATES: Corn production is forecast at 10.6 billion bushels, up 3 percent from last month but 10 percent below 2004. If realized, this would be the second largest crop on record. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 143.2 bushels per acre, up 4.0 bushels from August but 17.2 bushels below the record high last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 2.86 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the August forecast but down 9 percent

from the record crop of 2004. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 39.6 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from August.

Sorghum production is forecast at 398 million bushels, up 5 percent from last month but down 13 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, the sorghum yield forecast is 66.0 bushels per acre, up 2.9 bushels from August but down 3.8 bushels from last year.

TURKEYS

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2005 is 256 million, down 3 percent from the number raised during 2004. The following six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2005: **Minnesota**, at 44.5 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any state, showing a 2 percent decrease from last year.

North Carolina ranks second with 36.0 million birds, down 8 percent from 2004. **Arkansas** is in third place by producing 29.0 million birds, 2 percent more than a year ago. **Virginia**, at 21.0 million birds, is up 7 percent from 2004. **Missouri** growers expect to produce 20.5 million birds in 2005, down 5 percent from the previous year. **California** expects to raise 15.1 million turkeys, 4 percent less than a year earlier.

TURKEYS RAISED, SELECTED STATES, 2003, 2004, AND PRELIMINARY 2005

State	2003	2004	Preliminary 2005	2005 as % of 2004
----- Thousand Head -----				Percent
Iowa	8,500	9,000	9,800	109
Minnesota	45,000	45,500	44,500	98
North Dakota	1,300	1,000	1,100	110
South Dakota	4,600	4,500	4,500	100
United States	274,048	263,207	256,247	97

CHICKENS AND EGGS

SOUTH DAKOTA: The average number of layers on hand during July 2005 was 3,027,000, up 13,000 from June 2005 and up 106,000 from May 2005. The number of eggs produced during the month totaled 67 million, up 2 million eggs from June 2005 and up 3 million eggs from May 2005.

during July 2005, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.44 billion table eggs, and 1.12 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.06 billion were broiler-type and 62 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2005 averaged 340 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,222 eggs, up 1 percent from July 2004.

UNITED STATES: U. S. egg production totaled 7.56 billion

MONTHLY LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand			Eggs per 100 Layers			Total Eggs Produced		
	May 2005	June 2005	July 2005	May 2005	June 2005	July 2005	May 2005	June 2005	July 2005
----- Thousands -----				----- Number -----			----- Millions -----		
Iowa	49,063	47,989	47,101	2,211	2,159	2,314	1,085	1,036	1,090
Minnesota	10,961	10,838	10,826	2,317	2,251	2,291	254	244	248
Nebraska	11,929	11,919	12,018	2,322	2,240	2,297	277	267	276
South Dakota	2,921	3,014	3,027	2,191	2,157	2,213	64	65	67
United States	342,837	341,484	340,184	2,205	2,151	2,222	7,558	7,346	7,560

PRICES

UNITED STATES PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 117, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 1 point (0.8 percent) from July. The Crop Index is down 2 points (1.7 percent) while the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received lower commodity prices for corn, soybeans, eggs, and sweet corn. Higher prices were received for lettuce, peaches, strawberries, and turkeys. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Increased average marketings of cattle, grapes, sweet corn, and calves offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, milk, and broilers.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 3 points (2.5 percent) from August 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 120, is unchanged from last month but decreased 3 points (2.4 percent) from August 2004.

TRENDS AFFECTING AGRICULTURE

Index	United States		
	August 2004	July 2005	August 2005
Prices Received Indexes	(1990-92=100%)		
All farm products	% 120	118*	117
All crops	% 119	118*	116
Food grains	% 112	107*	107
Feed grains & hay	109	105*	99
Oil bearing crops	% 121	119*	108
All livestock & products	% 122	118	117
Meat animals	% 121	116	116
Dairy products	% 114	113	113
Poultry & eggs	% 130	126	125
Prices Paid Index	% 135	141*	141
Ratio 1/	% 89	84*	83
Crop Sector	% 137	144*	144
Livestock Sector	% 133	138*	138

*Revised. 1/ (Received Index/Paid Index)

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR COMMODITIES SOLD

Commodity and Unit		South Dakota			United States			
		August 2004 1/	July 2005 1/	August 2005 2/	August 2004 1/	July 2005 1/	August 2005 2/	Parity Price August 2005
Dollars								
All Wheat	Bu.	3.14	3.25	3.21	3.27	3.20	3.21	10.40
Winter	Bu.	3.10	3.06	2.99	3.19	3.15	3.11	--
Durum	Bu.	5/	5/	5/	3.86	3.71	3.41	--
Other spring	Bu.	3.17	3.57	3.28	3.38	3.45	3.33	--
Corn	Bu.	2.20	1.91	1.64	2.34	2.11	1.89	6.99
Oats	Bu.	1.29	1.53	1.49	1.32	1.59	1.53	4.15
Soybeans	Bu.	6.35	6.36	5.95	6.83	6.65	6.09	16.90
All Barley	Bu.	2.01	2.06	2.15	2.77	2.38	2.75	7.08
Feed	Bu.	1.57	5/	5/	1.83	1.98	1.90	--
Malt	Bu.	2.09	2.06	2.15	3.06	2.66	3.03	--
Sunflower	Cwt.	11.60	14.80	13.40	13.60	15.10	13.30	--
Flaxseed	Bu.	6.21	5/	5/	6.90	10.40	8.50	14.10
Sorghum	Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	4.01	3.94	3.68	11.40
All Hay	Ton	58.00	61.00	59.00	92.20	99.70	99.70	--
Alfalfa	Ton	62.00	62.00	62.00	99.30	109.00	109.00	--
Other	Ton	47.00	45.00	50.00	71.90	75.90	74.80	--
Milk, wholesale	Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	14.90	14.80	14.70	37.00
Eggs, market	Doz.	3/	3/	3/	0.337	0.326	0.257	1.77
Cattle 4/	Cwt.	90.90	80.30	88.30	87.70	85.30	84.70	181.00
Steers & heifers	Cwt.	97.70	88.50	95.00	91.00	88.40	88.00	--
Cows	Cwt.	55.50	55.70	52.90	54.70	53.80	51.90	--
Calves	Cwt.	143.00	129.00	132.00	131.00	132.00	131.00	246.00
All hogs	Cwt.	55.90	49.60	50.30	55.30	49.80	50.00	112.00
Barrows & gilts	Cwt.	57.50	51.90	52.30	55.80	50.30	50.50	--
Sows	Cwt.	46.00	36.80	37.80	46.90	37.70	38.60	--
Sheep	Cwt.	40.20	39.60	5/	37.30	40.30	5/	88.60
Lambs	Cwt.	114.00	128.00	5/	97.90	109.00	5/	220.00

1/ Full month except hay which is mid-month. 2/ Mid-month. 3/ Annual average price only. 4/ "Cows" and "Steers & Heifers" combined. 5/ No price available.

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COLD STORAGE

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, UNITED STATES

Commodity	July 31, 2004	June 30, 2005	July 31, 2005	July 2005 as % of	
				July 2004	June 2005
	- - - - - Thousand Pounds - - - - -			- - - - - Percent - - - - -	
Butter	193,520	179,652	174,488	90	97
Cheese, total natural	870,002	814,746	831,484	96	102
Eggs, frozen	16,720	19,681	19,632	117	100
Fruits, frozen	1,050,497	769,159	1,024,254	98	133
Fruit juices, frozen	2,201,419	1,812,520	1,770,207	80	98
Meat, total red	807,671	851,816	847,659	105	100
Beef, total frozen	427,047	342,191	380,372	89	111
Pork, total frozen	366,812	492,566	445,578	121	90
Poultry, total frozen	1,330,851	1,200,362	1,213,210	91	101
Chicken	730,290	690,166	704,490	96	102
Turkey	599,589	509,678	508,168	85	100
Vegetables, total frozen	1,670,127	1,515,495	1,667,146	100	110
Potatoes, total frozen	1,117,070	1,190,464	1,151,494	103	97

Data are collected from warehouses artificially cooled to a temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, and whose food products are normally stored for 30 days or more. All food items in these facilities are reported regardless of the number of days stored at the time of the report. Also included are specialized storage facilities meeting the 30 day requirement, such as fruit houses, dairy manufacturing plants, frozen fruit, fruit juice, and vegetable processors, and poultry and meat packing plants. Excluded are stocks in space maintained by wholesalers, jobbers, distributors, chain stores, locker plants containing individual lockers, meat packer branch houses, and frozen food processors whose entire inventories are turned over more than once a month.

SLAUGHTER

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, RED MEAT PRODUCTION, SOUTH DAKOTA AND UNITED STATES 1/

Kind	Unit	Slaughter			July 2005 as % of		January-July 2/		
		July 2004	June 2005	July 2005	July 2004	June 2005	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
		- - Percent - -					Million Pounds Liveweight		Percent
SOUTH DAKOTA									
Cattle	1,000 Head	4/	4/	4/	NA	NA	4/	4/	NA
Hogs	1,000 Head	358.9	405.1	349.0	97	86	650.8	681.9	105
Sheep	1,000 Head	1.1	1.3	0.8	73	62	0.786	0.773	98
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	74.5	84.5	72.8	98	86	529.8	550.4	104
UNITED STATES									
Cattle	1,000 Head	2,787.2	2,936.8	2,718.4	98	93	23,478.9	23,104.9	98
Hogs	1,000 Head	8,095.8	8,553.6	7,662.0	95	90	15,599.9	15,673.6	100
Sheep	1,000 Head	220.9	221.8 *	200.8	91	91	225.0	216.1	96
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	3,707.9	3,963.0 *	3,615.9	98	91	26,009.0	25,865.2	99

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. 3/ Red Meat is based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. 4/ Data not published to avoid disclosing individual operations. * Revised.

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